



AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street
Monday July 27, 2026, at 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER

"Mayor and Council wish to acknowledge that the meeting today is held within the traditional territory of the Nlaka'pamux people."

1. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Monday, June 22, 2026 M/S <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, June 22, 2026, be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 6-13
2.2	Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held Friday July 10, 2026 M/S <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held Friday July 10, 2026, be adopted as presented.</i>	P, 14-17

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	N/A	
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4. PUBLIC INPUT

All questions and comments will be addressed through the Chair and answered likewise. Please state your name and address prior to asking a question or commenting, no more than 2 minutes per question.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	OCP & Zoning have been sent for Referral	
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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	CAO Report – Annual Report Presentation PURPOSE: To present the Village of Ashcroft's 2025 Annual Report for Council's endorsement following the required public inspection period. M/S	P. 18-20

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	<i>THAT Council endorse the Village of Ashcroft 2025 Annual Report as presented, in accordance with Section 98 of the Community Charter.</i>	
6.2	CFO Report - Name Change for Land Titles PURPOSE: To authorize a name change for Land Titles for LOT A DL423 KDYD PLAN 883 located at 406 Brink Street. M/S <i>THAT Council approves name change on village owned property from "Village of Ashcroft" to "The Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft".</i>	P. 21
6.3	CFO Report – Permissive Tax Exemption PURPOSE: The purpose of this report is to present the financial implications associated with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #113's request for a permissive tax exemption and to seek Council direction on how any resulting reduction in tax revenue would be funded. M/S <i>THAT Council provide direction regarding the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #113 request for a permissive tax exemption for the 2027 taxation year by selecting one of the following options:</i> <i>1. Grant the permissive tax exemption, with the resulting reduction in municipal tax revenue offset through reductions to Council's discretionary budget allocations; or</i> <i>2. Grant the permissive tax exemption, with the resulting reduction in municipal tax revenue funded through an estimated 0.5% increase in municipal taxation;</i> <i>AND FURTHER THAT any approval be conditional upon the Legion providing complete financial information satisfactory to the Village prior to preparation of the 2027 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw.</i>	P, 22-33
FOR INFORMATION		
6.4	BEO Report – 2nd Quarter Report – For Information PURPOSE: The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a summary of bylaw enforcement activity for the second quarter of 2026.	P. 34-37

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	Ashcroft HUB Society – Request for Village of Ashcroft Resolution in Support of NDIIT Grant Application PURPOSE:	P. 38-39

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	NDIT requires a resolution in support of the application from the local government – the HUB Society is seeking councils endorsement. M/S THAT, Council for the Village of Ashcroft provide a resolution in support of the Ashcroft HUB Society's application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust - Recreation Infrastructure Grant funding stream for partial replacement of the roof and replacement of the HVAC system for the gymnasium.	
7.2	Village of Cache Creek Proposal for Inter-Community Bylaw – Joint Fine Collection PURPOSE: To seek Council's direction on whether the Village of Ashcroft wishes to participate in a joint procurement process with the Villages of Cache Creek and Clinton for the engagement of a debt collection agency to recover unpaid bylaw fines. M/S THAT Council authorize the Village of Ashcroft to participate in the joint procurement process led by the Village of Cache Creek for the engagement of a debt collection agency to recover unpaid bylaw fines; and THAT Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to participate in the joint evaluation process and, following the selection of a preferred proponent, execute a service agreement on behalf of the Village of Ashcroft.	P 40-41
7.3	CN Rail – Rail Safety Week 2026 Proclamation Request PURPOSE: To seek Council's approval to proclaim September 21-27, 2026 as Rail Safety Week in the Village of Ashcroft in support of national rail safety awareness initiatives. M/S THAT Council proclaim September 21-27, 2026 as Rail Safety Week in the Village of Ashcroft; and THAT the Mayor be authorized to sign the Rail Safety Week Proclamation.	P. 42-43
7.4	UBCM Small Talk Forum 2026 – Request for Discussion Topic or Success Stories PURPOSE: To provide Council with information regarding the 2026 UBCM Small Talk Forum and seek Council's input on potential discussion topics or success stories to share at the Forum. M/S THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Union of BC Municipalities regarding the 2026 Small Talk Forum for information; and/or	P. 44-45

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	THAT Council provide direction to staff regarding potential discussion topics or success stories to be submitted on behalf of the Village of Ashcroft.	
FOR INFORMATION		
7.5	Regional District of Central Okanagan - LGCAP Funding Continuation	P. 46
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7.13	Minister of Health – New Licensing Bylaws Approved by College of Physicians and Surgeons	P. 72-73
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7.15	TNRD – Results of Alternative Approval Process for Regional Search and Rescue Hall	P. 75-76
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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	P. 78
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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1	N/A	
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10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

10.1	N/A	
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Tedford – Verbal Seniors Report	



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12. **RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING**

Motion to move to a closed meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1

12.1	N/A	
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13. **RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING**

13.1	N/A	
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14. **ADJOURNMENT**

PRESENT: Mayor , Barbara Roden
Councillor, Jonah Anstett
Councillor, Jessica Clement
Councillor, Nadine Davenport
Councillor, Cam Tedford

CAO, Daniela Dyck
CFO, Yoginder Bhalla
DPW, Brian Bennewith

EXCUSED:

Public – 0
Media – 0

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday June 22, 2026, to order at 6:00 PM.

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1. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

N/A

2. MINUTES

2.1	Adoption of - Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, June 8, 2026 M/S Davenport / Clement <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, June 8, 2026, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-96
2.2	Adoption of - Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday June 8, 2026. M/S Anstett / Tedford <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday June 8, 2026, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-97

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	None	
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4. PUBLIC INPUT

All questions and comments will be addressed through the Chair and answered likewise. Please state your name and address prior to asking a question or commenting, no more than 2 minutes per question.

No questions were received from the public

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	None	
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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	CFO – Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) Report PURPOSE To review and approve the Statement of Financial Information Report. M/S Clement / Tedford <i>THAT, Council approve the Statement of Financial Information as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-98
FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	CAO Memo – Garbage Truck Replacement Program PURPOSE To provide Council with an update regarding the status of the Village's garbage truck replacement program. Mayor Roden invited discussion: • Director Bennewith provided an update regarding the replacement of the garbage truck. • The current truck continues to experience significant mechanical issues, including a recent high-pressure oil pump failure resulting in repair and towing costs of approximately \$10,000. • The approved replacement budget is estimated at \$650,000–\$700,000; however, recent quotations indicate a replacement may be available at a lower cost than anticipated. • Staff obtained the following quotations: • Vimar Equipment – \$497,305 plus taxes (\$556,981.60 total); estimated delivery of 6–8 months following receipt of a purchase order. • Rollins Machinery – \$453,965 plus taxes (\$508,440.80 total); estimated delivery of 17 months following receipt of a purchase order.	

	• Council noted that obtaining a third quotation, as contemplated by the Procurement Policy, may be challenging due to the limited number of suppliers. • It was noted that the Rollins unit is a Labrie body, consistent with the Village's current truck, but would be mounted on a different chassis. • Council discussed retaining the existing truck as a backup unit rather than disposing of it. • Council considered the benefits of maintaining consistency with the current Labrie equipment, including staff familiarity and potential parts compatibility. • Council noted the significant difference in delivery timelines between the two suppliers and the potential impact on fleet reliability. • It was observed that ongoing repair costs for the existing truck could quickly offset the price difference between the quotations. • Council confirmed that the quoted prices should represent the total delivered cost of the units. • Staff advised that feedback from the Public Works crew had been requested and would be considered as part of the evaluation process. • Council directed staff to schedule a Special Council Meeting following receipt of the Public Works crew's feedback to determine the preferred supplier. • Staff will provide the Public Works crew's feedback to Council for consideration. • It was confirmed that sufficient reserve funds are available for the purchase and that borrowing will not be required.	
6.3	CAO Memo – Mesa Park Basketball Court Replacement PURPOSE To provide Council with an update regarding the replacement of the basketball court surface at Mesa Park. • Staff advised that paving of the Mesa Park basketball court is anticipated to occur on June 23 or 24, subject to scheduling and weather conditions. • Council expressed its appreciation to AES for its leadership in advancing the project. • It was noted that AES initially approached the Village regarding sponsorship of the court paving and subsequently secured additional support from local businesses when project costs exceeded available funding. • Council also acknowledged and thanked Urban Systems and Ashcroft Terminal who are also contributors to the project.	

	Council noted that the collaborative effort reflects a strong spirit of community partnership and corporate citizenship.	
6.4	CAO Memo – Community BBQ PURPOSE To provide Council with an update regarding planning for the 2026 Ashcroft Together Community BBQ. - Staff advised that event preparations are well underway. - Bouncy castles have been secured, and assistance will be provided to obtain the required food permit. - BOSS Enrichment Society will participate by providing family-friendly games and activities. - Staff requested Council availability to assist with event planning and staffing requirements. - Invitations to community groups will be distributed in the coming weeks. - Most Council members indicated they are available to participate, with Councillor Clement's attendance remaining tentative.	
6.5	EDTC Memo – Economic Development & Tourism Update PURPOSE To provide Council with a brief update on recent Economic Development and Tourism activities.	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	U15 Grant in Aid Special Request PURPOSE To request special consideration for a Grant in Aid outside the dedicated intake dates. M/S Anstett / Davenport <i>THAT, Council approves the U-15 Cache Creek Chaos Girls Softball Team special consideration Grant in Aid request for funding to assist with travel costs to the 2026 BC Provincial Championships in Port Alberni in the amount of \$500.00.</i> Discussion - Council discussed reserving a portion of the Grant-in-Aid budget for special requests received outside of the regular intake periods. - Staff noted that spring intake demand is typically higher and cautioned that reserving funds could reduce funding available to applicants.	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-99

	- Staff recommended maintaining the spring intake allocation at \$2,500 and deducting any approved special requests from the fall intake allocation. - It was noted that the Grant-in-Aid Policy includes project completion timelines that determine whether a project is eligible for the spring or fall intake. - Council confirmed the 2026 fall intake allocation will be reduced to \$2,000.	
FOR INFORMATION		
7.2	SD#74 – Special Open Board Meeting - It was noted the decision for renaming the Sd#74 will be tabled at this meeting. - Student Trustee program fantastic in many levels as it may foster youth to step into the public realm in the future	
7.3	SD#74 – Media Release Student Trustee	
7.4	SD#74 – June 2026 Board Bulletin	
7.5	Desert Hills Thank-You – Flower Donation to Village	
7.6	Wildfire Act Engagement – What We Heard from Local Gov'ts	
7.7	AF ADM Letter to CAO's Municipal Government	
7.8	BC 7-Day Stream Flow Hazard Outlook	
7.9	Snow Survey and Water Supply Bulletin – June 15, 2026	
7.10	Resource Breakfast Invitation - UBCM	
7.11	Healthy Communities Newsletter	
7.12	EV Site Host Newsletter Discussion: - Concern was raised regarding the lack of signage directing visitors to nearby amenities. - Discussion included the possibility of approaching BC Hydro regarding the installation of signage identifying nearby washrooms, drinking water, parks, shopping, and other community amenities.	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	
8.2	Notice of Motion – Development of a Heritage Register M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, Council directs staff to research what would be entailed in developing a Heritage Register for the Village of Ashcroft (using the Heritage registers of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District and the Village of Clinton as examples), and report back to council on the feasibility of such a register.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-100

	• It was noted that inclusion on a Heritage Register does not designate a property or restrict renovations or future development. • The Heritage Register serves to recognize properties of historical significance to the community. • The Museum could assist with historical research and the preparation of Statements of Significance. • A Heritage Register could complement and expand the community heritage booklet. • Members of the public may nominate properties for Council's consideration. • Properties must meet established heritage significance criteria to qualify for inclusion. • Available Museum resources, including the Curator and summer student, could assist with research and documentation. • Existing heritage inventories and previously identified heritage properties may be considered. • The importance of informing property owners of potential increased public interest in registered properties was noted. • Appreciation was expressed to Mayor Roden for bringing this item forward for consideration.	
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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1	None	
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10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

10.	None	
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden noted the following: • Advised that BC Seniors Advocate Dan Levitt will be visiting Ashcroft on June 24, 2026 at 11:00 am at the HUB. • Attended the Seniors Strawberry Tea and noted the event was well attended. • Attended National Indigenous Peoples Day activities hosted by the Ashcroft Indian Band. • Attended the Teddy Bear Picnic. – read a story to the children	
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	• Will be attending TNRD meetings in Kamloops later this week. • Provided a brief update regarding the Saw Creek Wildfire near Lytton. • Expressed appreciation to the Barriere Fire Department for its quick response to a fire near Highway 1 and Cornwall Road while en route to assist with wildfire response efforts near Lytton.	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement HAWC meeting moved to next week Officially completed LGLA Level 1 Certificate	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Tedford Council received an update on the Drag It Challenge and Car Show. • It was noted that the event travels to several communities over the course of a week, including Cache Creek, Prince George, Merritt, and Ashcroft. • The event attracted a significant number of vehicles and participants to the community. • Participants gathered and took photographs in front of the Farmers' Market which are posted world-wide. • Council noted the positive economic impact of visitors spending time and money in Ashcroft. • Council commended the organizers of the Drag It Challenge for hosting a successful event.	

12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

Motion to move to a closed meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1

12.1	M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, Council adjourn to a Closed Meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1 (c) labour relations or other employee relations.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-101
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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

13.1	N/A	
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14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday June 22, 2026 at 6:51 PM.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of
the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
held Monday, June 22, 2026.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor

PRESENT: Mayor, Barbara Roden
Councillor, Jonah Anstett
Councillor, Jessica Clement (via Zoom)
Councillor, Nadine Davenport

CAO, Daniela Dyck
CFO, Yoginder Bhalla
DPW, Brian Bennewith

EXCUSED: Councillor, Cam Tedford

Public – 0
Media – 0

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Special Meeting of Council for Friday, July 10, 2026 to order at 9:01 am.

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1. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

N/A

2. MINUTES

All Minutes are adopted at a Regular Meeting of Council.

3. DELEGATIONS

4.1	NONE	
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4. PUBLIC COMMENTS / QUESTIONS

No comments or question were received from the public.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1	Garbage Truck Replacement – Purchase Approval PURPOSE: To seek Council approval to proceed with the purchase of a	
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	replacement garbage truck and award the purchase to Rollins Machinery Ltd. for a Labrie Automizer refuse collection unit. M/S Clement / Anstett <i>THAT, Council approve the purchase of one (1) Labrie Automizer garbage collection truck from Rollins Machinery Ltd. in the amount of \$453,965 plus applicable taxes;</i> <i>AND THAT, Administration be authorized to proceed with issuance of the purchase order.</i> Discussion: Compatibility discussion with neighbouring communities' garbage receptacles. – It was noted that representatives from Cache Creek did a site visit to see our current truck and learn about our receptacles and garbage collection process. Clarification of delivery timeline – dependent on if chassis is available at the Larabie site. If on site truck could be received as early as December otherwise 16-18 months after PO is received.	CARRIED Unanimous S-2026-02
5.2	Presentation of the 2025 Annual Report PURPOSE: The purpose of this report is to present Council with the Village of Ashcroft's 2025 Annual Report for consideration and to seek approval to make the report available for public inspection in accordance with the requirements of the <i>Community Charter</i>. M/S Anstett / Davenport <i>THAT, Council receive the 2025 Draft Annual Report for information and approve the report for public inspection in accordance with Section 98 of the Community Charter.</i> Discussion Consider developing a graphic "who does what" similar to the TNRD Caption photos with small font	CARRIED Unanimous S-2026-03
5.3	Introduction and First Reading of the Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 889, 2026 PURPOSE: The purpose of this report is to introduce Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 889, 2026 for Council's consideration of first reading and to seek authorization to proceed with the required referral and technical review process.	

	M/S Clement / Anstett <i>THAT Council give first reading to Village of Ashcroft Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 889, 2026;</i> <i>AND THAT Council direct Administration to proceed with the referral and technical review process prior to bringing the bylaw back for consideration of second reading.</i> Discussion Will be sent to agencies for referrals	CARRIED Unanimous S-2026-4
5.4	Introduction and First Reading of Zoning Bylaw No. 890, 2026 PURPOSE: The purpose of this report is to present Zoning Bylaw No. 890, 2026 to Council for consideration of first reading. First reading will allow the bylaw to proceed to the referral and technical review process, providing an opportunity for external agencies and partners to review and provide feedback prior to Council considering second reading. M/S Davenport / Anstett <i>THAT Council give first reading to Village of Ashcroft Zoning Bylaw No. 890, 2026;</i> <i>AND THAT Council direct Administration to proceed with the referral and technical review process prior to bringing the bylaw back for consideration of second reading.</i> Discussion Circulate that new Cedar Trees are prohibited in the Village of Ashcroft. Include in Newsletter New non-combustible fencing materials were noted	CARRIED Unanimous S-2026-5

6. CLOSED MEETING

Motion to move to a closed meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1

9.1	N/A	
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7. TERMINATION

Mayor Roden adjourned the Special Meeting of Council for Friday, July 10, 2026 at 9:20 am.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of
the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council
held Friday, July 10, 2026.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor

TO: Mayor and Council

MEETING DATE: July 27, 2026

FROM: Daniela Dyck, CAO,

SUBJECT: Endorsement of the Village of Ashcroft - 2025 Annual Report

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council endorse the Village of Ashcroft 2025 Annual Report as presented, in accordance with Section 98 of the Community Charter.

PURPOSE:

To present the Village of Ashcroft's 2025 Annual Report for Council's endorsement following the required public inspection period.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND

Section 98 of the Community Charter requires municipalities to prepare an Annual Report that includes the audited financial statements, a report on municipal services and operations, progress toward Council's objectives and priorities, and other prescribed information.

The draft 2025 Annual Report was presented to Council at the Special Meeting held on July 10, 2026, and subsequently made available for public inspection at the Village Office and on the Village's website in accordance with legislative requirements.

No public submissions or comments were received during the review period.

DISCUSSION

The 2025 Annual Report introduces a new approach to communicating the Village's accomplishments. Rather than presenting a traditional departmental summary, this year's report is organized around Council's 2024–2026 Strategic Plan, demonstrating how the initiatives undertaken throughout 2025 supported Council's vision and long-term priorities.

The report highlights significant achievements including:

- continued investment in critical infrastructure and asset management;
- enhanced emergency preparedness and FireSmart initiatives;

- improvements to parks, recreation, and community amenities;
- responsible financial stewardship and successful grant funding;
- advancement of long-term planning initiatives, including the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw updates;
- strengthened advocacy, partnerships, and investment opportunities; and
- continued excellence in municipal service delivery.

The revised format provides residents with a clearer understanding of how Council's decisions, strategic priorities, and financial investments translated into tangible outcomes for the community throughout the year.

The 2025 Annual Report is more than a legislative requirement; it is an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of Council, staff, volunteers, community organizations, businesses, funding partners, and residents. It reflects the collective efforts that continue to strengthen Ashcroft while demonstrating Council's commitment to transparency, accountability, and responsible stewardship of public resources.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with endorsing the Annual Report.

COMMUNICATIONS

Following Council's endorsement, the 2025 Annual Report will become the Village's official Annual Report and will remain available to the public through the Village Office and the Village website.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Annual Report demonstrates Council's progress toward achieving the goals identified in the Village's 2024–2026 Strategic Plan and supports the strategic priority of Effective Governance, Public and Intergovernmental Engagement through accountability, transparency, and public communication.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Village of Ashcroft 2025 Annual Report

The 2025 Annual Report will be uploaded as a separate file

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Yoginder Bhalla, CFO
SUBJECT: Name change on Lot A

MEETING DATE: July 27, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approves name change on village owned property from "Village of Ashcroft" to "The Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft".

PURPOSE:

To authorize a name change for Land Titles for LOT A DL423 KDYD PLAN 883 located at 406 Brink Street.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Approved for Submission to Council:



Yoginder Bhalla,
Chief Financial Officer



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND:

As Council is aware, the Village is in the process of subdividing municipal property adjacent to the Ashcroft Museum. To complete the subdivision and facilitate the sale of Lot A (LOT A DL423 KDYD PLAN 883), an administrative correction to the registered owner name is required.

DISCUSSION:

During the subdivision process, it was identified that the owner was recorded on the survey documents as "The Village of Ashcroft" rather than the municipality's legal corporate name, "The Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft."

The Village's legal counsel, Morelli Chertkow LLP, has advised that this discrepancy must be corrected before the subdivision can be registered with the Land Title Office. Until the name correction is completed, the newly created parcels cannot be registered, preventing completion of the subdivision and the subsequent sale of Lot A to Mr. Randall Stangland.

The requested name correction is administrative in nature and does not affect ownership of the property or the terms previously approved by Council. It is a procedural requirement to allow the subdivision and land transfer to proceed.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Financial sustainability.

TO: Mayor and Council

MEETING DATE: July 27, 2026

FROM: Yoginder Bhalla, CFO

SUBJECT: Royal Canadian Legion Branch #113 – Request for Permissive Tax Exemption

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council provide direction regarding the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #113 request for a permissive tax exemption for the 2027 taxation year by selecting one of the following options:

1. Grant the permissive tax exemption, with the resulting reduction in municipal tax revenue offset through reductions to Council's discretionary budget allocations; **or**
2. Grant the permissive tax exemption, with the resulting reduction in municipal tax revenue funded through an estimated 0.5% increase in municipal taxation;

AND FURTHER THAT any approval be conditional upon the Legion providing complete financial information satisfactory to the Village prior to preparation of the 2027 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to present the financial implications associated with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #113's request for a permissive tax exemption and to seek Council direction on how any resulting reduction in tax revenue would be funded.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Approved for Submission to Council:



Yoginder Bhalla,
Chief Financial Officer



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND:

At its Regular Meeting held on June 8, 2026, Council considered the legislative and administrative requirements associated with granting a permissive tax exemption to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #113. Council requested additional information regarding the financial impact of the exemption before making a decision.

This report outlines the estimated financial implications for the 2027 taxation year and identifies the available funding options should Council choose to grant the exemption.

DISCUSSION:

If Council approves the requested permissive tax exemption, the estimated reduction in municipal tax revenue would be **\$7,593** net of current grants.

Folio	Description	Assessed Values	Taxes	Frontage	Total
173.000	Cenotaph	Exempt	-	184.60	184.60
156.000	Legion Building & Parking Lot	254,100	6,261.10	205.40	6,466.50
152.000	Skateboard park & lot	97,200	1,998.17	260.00	2,258.17

Council has two primary options for funding this reduction in municipal revenue.

Option 1 – Reduce Discretionary Budget Allocations

The revenue reduction could be accommodated by reducing existing discretionary budget allocations. The discretionary funding currently available includes:

- Conditional Grant-in-Aid - \$5,000
- Unconditional Grant-in-Aid (HUB and Canada Day) - \$5,550
- Student Bursaries - \$1,000

This approach would maintain the current tax rate but would require Council to reduce funding available for community organizations and other discretionary initiatives.

Option 2 – Increase Municipal Taxation

Alternatively, Council could maintain current discretionary funding levels by increasing municipal taxation. Staff estimate that recovering the revenue loss would require an approximate **0.5% increase** in municipal property taxes.

This option maintains existing community funding commitments while distributing the financial impact across the municipal tax base.

Financial Information Requirements

Prior to any permissive tax exemption being considered for inclusion in the 2027 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, staff recommend the Legion provide complete financial documentation to support the request.

At present, the following information remains outstanding:

- Complete financial statements, including missing items such as utilities and property tax expenses;
- Gaming account financial statements identifying grant revenues and expenditures;
- Poppy Fund financial statement; and

The standard of financial statements for the municipality is equivalent to what would be expected by the province for society statements.

Providing complete financial information will enable Council to fully assess the organization's financial position and ensure consistency with the Village's review of other permissive tax exemption applications.

CONCLUSION:

Council has the authority to grant a permissive tax exemption to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #113. Should Council wish to proceed, direction is required regarding how the resulting reduction in tax revenue will be funded. Staff further recommend that any exemption be made conditional upon receipt of complete financial documentation to ensure Council has sufficient information to make an informed decision.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Long-term financial sustainability.

Financial Implications

Approval of the requested exemption would reduce annual municipal tax revenue by approximately \$7,593. Council must determine whether this reduction is offset through reductions to discretionary spending or through an increase in municipal taxation.

Attachments

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #113 – Application for full Permissive tax Exemption

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #113 (Ashcroft)

300 Brink Street
Ashcroft, BC
June 1, 2026

Village of Ashcroft
Mayor and Council
601 Bancroft Street
Ashcroft, BC

Re: Application for Full Permissive Property Tax Exemption – Branch #113

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

On behalf of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #113, we respectfully submit this request for a **full permissive property tax exemption** from the Village of Ashcroft.

This request is made in alignment with the **Village of Ashcroft Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 792**, which provides Council with the authority, under Section 224 of the *Community Charter*, to exempt eligible not-for-profit properties that serve the public good.

We further note that Branch #113 is already recognized within Schedule "A" of that bylaw (cenotaph site), demonstrating the Village's longstanding acknowledgment of the Legion's community value.

Role of Branch #113 in Ashcroft

Branch #113 has served Ashcroft and the surrounding region as a **non-profit veterans' service organization and community hub** for decades. We are entirely self-funded and volunteer-driven, with all revenue directed back into veterans' services and community support.

Consistent with eligibility criteria under provincial guidance, permissive tax exemptions are intended to support organizations that provide **social, cultural, and community**

services aligned with municipal objectives, particularly those delivered by non-profit organizations.

Direct Support to Veterans (Local Impact)

Through our **Poppy Fund and service programs**, Branch #113 provides direct and meaningful financial assistance, including:

- Approximately **\$15,000–\$30,000 annually** in Poppy Fund disbursements supporting local veterans and their families
- Emergency financial assistance for housing, utilities, and basic needs
- Contributions toward mobility aids, medical travel, and hearing devices
- Veteran advocacy support in securing Veterans Affairs benefits

These services are particularly critical in smaller communities like Ashcroft, where access to specialized services is limited.

Community Contributions in Ashcroft

Branch #113 is deeply embedded in the community and provides both **financial contributions and essential services**, including:

Financial Contributions (Annual Estimates)

- **\$3,000–\$6,000** in bursaries and student support for local youth
- **\$2,000–\$5,000** annually to local charities, food programs, and community initiatives
- Ongoing support for remembrance activities, including **Remembrance Day ceremonies and cenotaph maintenance**

In-Kind Contributions

- Providing our hall **free or at reduced cost** for:
 - Memorial services and celebrations of life
 - Seniors' gatherings and social programs
 - Community meetings and non-profit events
- Hosting community meals and events that promote inclusion and reduce isolation
- Supporting local service clubs and volunteer groups

Our facility is one of the few accessible indoor gathering spaces in Ashcroft and plays a key role in maintaining **social connectivity and community wellbeing**.

Financial Reality

While some revenue is generated through bar service, events, and hall rentals, these activities are not commercial in nature. They exist solely to:

- Cover operational costs (utilities, maintenance, insurance)
- Sustain the building as a community asset
- Fund our veteran and community programs

Like many Legions, Branch #113 operates on **tight margins**, with annual operating costs often exceeding revenues. Property taxes represent a **significant financial burden** that directly reduces our ability to deliver programs.

Alignment with Ashcroft Policy Objectives

Granting a permissive tax exemption to Branch #113 would be fully consistent with:

- **Bylaw No. 792**, which enables Council to exempt properties used for community-serving purposes
- The *Community Charter*, which allows exemptions for non-profit organizations delivering social, cultural, and community benefits

Branch #113 clearly meets these objectives by:

- Supporting vulnerable veterans and seniors
- Providing social and recreational services
- Enhancing the overall quality of life in Ashcroft
- Functioning as an essential community gathering place

Conclusion

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #113 is not a business—it is a **community service organization** that reinvests every dollar into supporting veterans and strengthening Ashcroft.

A full permissive property tax exemption would:

- Ensure the **long-term sustainability** of our Branch
- Allow us to **expand support for veterans and residents**
- Reinforce the Village's commitment to community wellbeing

We thank Council for its continued support of the Legion and respectfully request favourable consideration of this application. We would be pleased to meet with Council to provide further details.

Yours respectfully, in comradeship,

George Cooke
President
Royal Canadian Legion Branch #113 (Ashcroft)

ASHCROFT LEGION BRANCH 113
SUPPORT TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

We are, first and foremost a Veterans support organization. For over 85 years, it has been our mandate to serve Veterans and ensure that they and their families who require our help, receive assistance from our Branch. We have given money from the Poppy Fund when they land on hard times such as:

1. Monetary assistance for adaption of walkways leading to homes, or renovations if they become physically challenged allowing them to remain in their homes.
2. Our Service Officer assists with the necessary information/paperwork for Veterans Affairs to help local Veterans receive appropriate allowances to which they are entitled, which a large number were unaware that they qualified for and have not been receiving. Some have received large sums of money.
3. Provide social events for Veterans to attend in order for them to integrate with their peers thus providing the necessary socialization. It is known that loneliness can lead to depression and lack of stimulus to dementia.
4. Monetary assistance generally if needed as long as it falls within the guidelines of our mandate.

COMMUNITY AT LARGE:

Over the last 20+ years our Legion has donated Bursary money to qualified students of Ashcroft Secondary of over \$50,000.00+

We support the Sea Cadets by providing donations each year as needed.

We allow the Sea Cadets to store items that have to be secured by providing a locked area, free of charge.

We support many minor sports teams as well as 4H.

We support the local food bank.

We hold fundraisers for these groups to help with many events scheduled.

When fires swept through this area, the Legion stepped up and provided, breakfast, lunch and supper as were needed whether it was locals or work crews that were in this area, free of charge with no expectation of monetary gain.

For the past couple of years, the Legion hosted Christmas dinner for those that have had no where to go or had no family in the area, free of charge.

We have assisted single parent families with funds so that children have not had to miss going to sports tournaments with their team members.

Seniors:

We have provided a safe place for our senior citizens to come to and assist them with socialization so that they can remain visible within the community.

We have provided a venue for entertainment and food for both young and old who live locally.

We have provided facilities for all seniors to socialize.

We are keeping in contact with our senior members to ensure that they are well cared for.

We provide a space (the hall upstairs or down) for memorials or teas.

We have hosted weddings and parties for the local community (the hall)

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2025 Donations from Gaming Account							
	Date	Vendor				Amount	
	Jan.16	TCMHA				\$700.00	
	Apr. 8	Holden Kinvig Grad Bursary				\$1,000.00	
	May.30	Desert Sands Grad				\$500.00	
	May.30	Cache Creek Softball				\$500.00	
	July.15	Ashcroft Fall Fair				\$4,000.00	
	Aug.28	BC Yukon Foundation - Service Dogs				\$500.00	
	Sept.12	TCMHA				\$1,000.00	
	Sept.26	TCMHA				\$500.00	
	Nov.25	Ashcroft Area Resource Society				\$1,000.00	
	Dec.20	Equality Project				\$500.00	
2026 Donations from Gaming Account							
	Jan.21	Ashcroft Firefighters				\$2,000.00	
	Jan.26	U-18 Hockey				\$1,000.00	
	Feb.23	DSCS Grad 2026				\$500.00	
	Feb.26	Minor Hockey				\$500.00	
	Mar.13	Minor Softball Jerseys				\$500.00	
	Mar.19	TV for Minor Softball				\$426.71	
	Apr.13	4H Vests				\$500.00	
	Apr.25	Seniors Luncheon				\$176.14	
	June.15	Elske Buis (cats)				\$250.00	
	June.15	Boss Enrichment				\$250.00	
	June.16	U15 Fastball				\$250.00	
	July.9	4H Fall Fair				\$375.00	
				Total		\$16,927.85	

SCHEDULE I
SCHEDULE OF LICENSED PREMISES NET PROFIT
For the Year Ended December 31st
2025

	Current Year	Previous Year
<u>INCOME</u>		
Gross Profit on Sales - Schedule II	\$ 115,824.05	\$ 112,424.99
Games Revenues	\$ -	\$ -
Sales Tax Commission	\$ 1,292.37	\$ 1,071.07
Other Licensed Premises Income		
TOTAL LICENSED PREMISES INCOME	\$ 117,116.42	\$ 113,496.06
<u>LICENSED PREMISES EXPENSES</u>		
Bar Wages and Employee Benefits	\$ 98,778.99	\$ 88,943.51
Bar Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 2,487.80	\$ 1,323.09
Bar Supplies	\$ 1,929.41	\$ 1,950.07
Doorman Expense	\$ -	\$ -
Entertainment and Music	\$ 930.57	\$ 829.72
Games Expense	\$ -	\$ -
Janitor Expense	\$ -	\$ -
Licenses and Permits	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,450.00
Spillage Losses	\$ -	\$ -
Telephone	\$ -	\$ -
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Expense	\$ -	\$ -
Expense	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL CANTEEN EXPENSES	\$ 105,576.77	\$ 94,496.39
CANTEEN NET PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	\$ 11,539.65	\$ 18,999.67

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: August 24, 2026
FROM: Reggie Amyotte, BEO
SUBJECT: Q2 Report to Council

RECOMMENDATION

For Information Only

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a summary of bylaw enforcement activity for the second quarter of 2026.

Prepared by:



Reggie Amyotte,
Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement Officer,

Approved for submission to Council:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Discussion

The following provides an overview of bylaw enforcement activity during the second quarter of 2026, including complaint volumes, case resolutions, and outstanding files.

- Open cases at the start of the quarter (April 1): 18
- Total new complaints received (April–June): 36
- Total complaints resolved (April–June): 38
- Open cases remaining at end of quarter (June 30): 16

Overall, the total number of open complaints decreased modestly over the quarter, as resolutions (38) slightly outpaced new intake (36).

Complaint Activity by Category

Dog Complaints

Dog complaints opened with 3 in April, carried over from March. There were no new complaints in April, one new case in May, and none in June. Overall, 2 were resolved by the end of June.

Unightly Premises

Unightly premises complaints had 6 carried over from March. There were no new cases in April, but complaints picked up in May by 3 and another 5 in June. Overall, 7 were resolved by the end of the quarter, leaving 1 to carry over to the 3rd quarter.

Watering

As we begin the spring and summer months, watering becomes an issue with water restrictions. This, however, did not become an issue until May, where we saw 3 complaints, of which 2 were resolved quickly. In June, with 1 carried over, we saw 3 new cases, but all 4 got the message by the end of June.

Vehicles, Trailers, and RVs

This category was consistently active throughout the quarter, mostly for parking violations. 2 files were carried over from the previous quarter. 8 new cases appeared over the three-month period, but 8 were also resolved by the end of the second quarter.

Fire Hazard

The fire hazard complaints encompassed dry grass, dead cedar, and other trees as well as other vegetation overgrowth. With the mitigation efforts of the FireSmart Coordinator, we were able to eliminate many of the cedar and juniper trees in the community. We continued our efforts by targeting properties that are at higher risk for fires. Through the complaint system, we had 5 files carried over from March, and 3 additional complaints were added through the quarter. We were able to address and resolve 5 of those, leaving the remaining 3 to be dealt with in July.

Noise

There were 2 noise complaints of note that were brought to our attention in May, but both were muted by the end of that month.

Outdoor Burning

Only one issue came up during this quarter for outdoor burning: a backyard fire without a permit, which was quickly resolved by our fire department.

Categories with No Activity

The following categories recorded no complaints in any month during the second quarter of 2026: Zoning, Snow Removal, Sign Bylaw Infractions, and Business Licenses. It should be noted that unpaid business licenses will be addressed at the beginning of the next quarter.

Fire Pit Inspections

First-time fire pit inspections occurred in April and May (1 each), with none in June. Renewals were processed only in April (2), with none in May or June, consistent with renewals being a one-time seasonal task completed early in the quarter.

Conclusion

In mid-May, through a coordinated effort between the Village's FireSmart Coordinator and the cooperation of Ashcroft residents, the community significantly reduced its wildfire fuel load. This was achieved through the Village's tree chipping program, with 86 property owners participating.

Education and enforcement efforts will continue throughout the wildfire season. Staff will continue encouraging property owners to reduce wildfire risks by removing dead cedars and other hazardous vegetation, while also following up with businesses that have not yet renewed their business licences.

With Ashcroft now entering the hottest and driest months of the year—and conditions expected to be among the most extreme on record—it is important that residents continue to comply with water restrictions and take proactive steps to reduce wildfire risks on their properties. These collective efforts play an important role in protecting our community and improving our overall resilience.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Legislative Authority

Financial Implications

Attachment Listing

Bylaw Actionable Items Table

Bylaw Actionable Items Table

Task	Apr-26			May-26			Jun-26		
	Carried Over	New	Resolved	Carried Over	New	Resolved	Carried Over	New	Resolved
Dog Complaints	3	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	2
Unightly Complaints	6	0	3	3	3	3	3	5	1
Watering	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	3	4
Vehicles/trailers/RV	2	1	3	0	6	1	5	1	4
Fire hazards	5	1	3	3	0	2	1	2	0
Zoning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Noise	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
Snow Removal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Outdoor Burning	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Sign bylaw infractions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Business license	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	16	2	9	9	16	11	14	11	11
Fire Pit Inspections (1st time)		1			1			0	
Fire Pit Renewals		2			0			0	



Village of Ashcroft
601 Bancroft Street
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

July 15, 2026

Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: Request for Council Resolution of Support – NDIIT Recreation Infrastructure Grant Application

On behalf of The Ashcroft HUB, I am writing to respectfully request a Council Resolution of Support for our application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) Recreation Infrastructure Program. Our project seeks funding for two critical upgrades to the community gymnasium:

- Partial replacement of the roof (50%), and
- Replacement of the HVAC system for the gymnasium
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These upgrades are essential to ensuring the long-term safety, functionality, and accessibility of the facility, which serves residents of all ages across Ashcroft and the surrounding region.

Project Rationale and Community Benefit

1. Ensuring Safe, Healthy Indoor Air Quality

The current HVAC system is beyond its service life and no longer provides reliable heating, cooling, or ventilation. Replacing it will improve air quality, reduce temperature fluctuations, and ensure the space remains safe and comfortable for all users—particularly seniors, children, and individuals with respiratory sensitivities.

2. Supporting Long-Term Operational Sustainability

Replacing the HVAC system and addressing the roof will reduce ongoing repair costs, improve energy efficiency, and extend the building's lifespan. These improvements position The HUB to continue delivering high-value community programming without unexpected interruptions or emergency expenditures.



Request:

We respectfully ask Council to pass a Resolution of Support for The Ashcroft HUB's NDIT Recreation Infrastructure Grant application. This resolution will confirm that Council recognizes the importance of the project and supports our efforts to secure external funding for these essential upgrades.

Thank you for your consideration and for your ongoing commitment to strengthening community wellbeing. We would be pleased to provide any additional information Council may require.

Warm regards,

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Jessica Clement
Executive Director
The Ashcroft HUB

July 8, 2026

Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
Village of Ashcroft
601 Bancroft Street
Ashcroft, BC, V0K 1A0

Brian Doddridge, Chief Administrative Officer
Village of Clinton
1423 Cariboo Highway
Clinton, BC, V0K 1K0

Re: Invitation to Participate — Joint Bylaw Fine Collection Agency Procurement

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing on behalf of the Village of Cache Creek to formally invite the Villages of Ashcroft and Clinton to participate in a joint procurement process for the engagement of a debt collection agency for unpaid bylaw fines.

As you are aware, our three municipalities share a bylaw enforcement service. A gap common to all three communities is the absence of a formal mechanism for pursuing bylaw fines that remain unpaid following the late payment stage. Engaging a single collection agency on a joint basis would address this gap consistently across all three municipalities, is well-suited to the scale of our combined volume, and would ensure our shared bylaw officer can administer referrals under a single standard.

The Cache Creek Council has authorized staff to lead this process on behalf of all three communities, subject to the agreement of Ashcroft and Clinton. The proposed approach is as follows:

- Cache Creek will lead the issuance of a joint Request for Proposals directed to licensed debt collection agencies in British Columbia.
- The three CAOs will jointly evaluate proposals and select a vendor. Each municipality will execute its own service agreement.

- The engagement will be commission-based, with no upfront cost to any participating municipality.
- Prior to operationalizing the service, the three administrations will develop a shared referral policy for adoption by each municipality.

I would be grateful if you could bring this proposal to your respective Councils for consideration and advise me of their interest at your earliest convenience. I am happy to provide any additional information that would assist in that process.

Yours truly,

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Damian Couture
Chief Administrative Officer
Village of Cache Creek

From: [Patrick Lortie](#)
To: [Daniela Dyck](#)
Subject: Proclamation Request | Rail Safety Week 2026
Date: June 22, 2026 10:26:58 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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Dear Ms. Dyck,

Rail Safety Week will take place across Canada from September 21 to 27, 2026.

CN has partnered with Operation Lifesaver Canada (OL) to raise public awareness about the dangers of crossing and trespassing on railway property for more than 20 years. Unfortunately, we have recently seen disturbing spikes in deaths and serious injuries related to both. Inattention and distraction at crossings, risky behaviour on and around trains, the rise of homeless encampments along rail corridors, and mental health crises are all factors.

CN and OL ask your council to help keep communities safe by raising awareness about the critical issue of rail safety. Options include adopting the enclosed [Rail Safety Week proclamation](#) and promoting rail safety on your social media platforms.

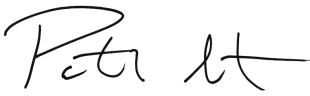
Rail Safety is a shared responsibility, and your leadership plays a vital role in educating the public. We would be honoured to publicly acknowledge your commitment to this cause if you agree to participate.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tyler Banick, your local CN Public Affairs representative, at tyler.banick@cn.ca.

For more information:

- Questions or concerns about rail safety in your community, contact our Public Inquiry Line at 1-888-888-5909 or contact@cn.ca
- For additional information about Rail Safety Week 2026 visit [cn.ca/RailSafety](https://www.operationlifesaver.ca) or <https://www.operationlifesaver.ca>
- Let us know how you promote rail safety in your community by posting on [cn.ca/RSW2026](https://www.cn.ca/RSW2026)
- For any questions about this proclamation, please email RailSafety@cn.ca
- Visit [cn.ca/RSW-toolkit](https://www.cn.ca/RSW-toolkit) to access the Rail Safety Week toolkit which includes resources to help you further promote rail safety education in your community

Thank you in advance for your support.



Patrick Lortie

Senior Vice-President and
Chief Strategy and
Stakeholder Relations Officer



Shawn Will

CN Chief of Police
and Chief Security
Officer



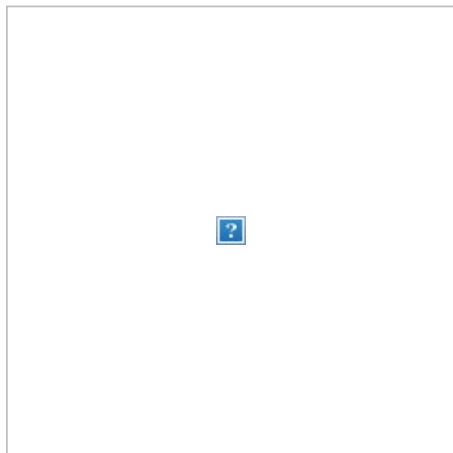
Chloé Devine Drouin

Director, Marketing and
Engagement
Operation Lifesaver Canada



From: [UBCM](#)
To: [Daniela Dyck](#)
Subject: UBCM Small Talk Forum 2026
Date: July 21, 2026 3:49:10 PM

Please distribute accordingly. View the document [here](#).



July 20, 2026

TO: CAO and Senior Staff
FROM: Bhar Sihota, Senior Policy Analyst
Reiko Tagami, Policy Analyst
RE: **Small Talk Forum 2026**

Please join us at the upcoming Small Talk Forum at the 2026 UBCM Annual Convention.

Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Location: Ballroom A/B (Level 1), Vancouver Convention Centre

The Small Talk Forum, for Indigenous and local governments with a population under 5,000, continues to be one of the most popular sessions at the UBCM Convention. Your direct involvement has made the Forum a repeat success, and in 2026 we encourage you to contribute your ideas.

What are the one or two challenges of greatest concern facing your community? How is your community grappling with these challenges? If you have a best practice or success story to share, please tell us about it as well. This is an opportunity for small communities to raise issues, share tips and information, and help one another with day-to-day challenges. For example, has your community completed (or is undertaking) a project or initiative that you think would be informative for other small communities?

Come prepared to engage in discussion of these ideas, as well as issues raised by other communities.

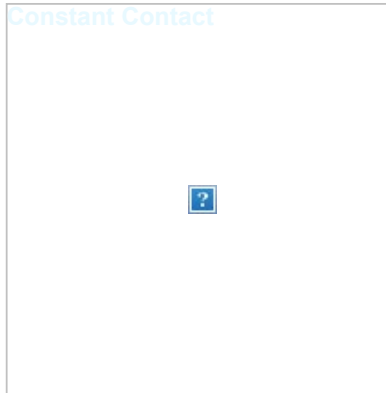
Please submit challenges, success stories, or other discussion topics to Bhar Sihota, Senior Policy Analyst, at bsihota@ubcm.ca by Friday August 7, 2026. We will distribute the final agenda, including the list of issues, at the Forum. We will also have a facilitator and resource persons on hand to provide technical information.

We hope that you will be able to take part, and encourage you to submit your ideas. We look forward to seeing you at the 2026 Small Talk Forum in Vancouver.

Note: a separate memo for elected officials will be distributed later this week.

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June 25, 2026

The Honourable David Eby, Premier
The Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions
The Honourable Kelly Greene, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness
The Honourable Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
The Honourable Brenda Bailey, Minister of Finance

Dear Premier Eby and Ministers:

Re: BC Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) – Funding Continuation

On behalf of the Regional District of Central Okanagan, I am writing to request the Province's continued commitment to the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP).

For more than 15 years, LGCAP has provided stable funding that enables local governments to deliver climate mitigation and adaptation initiatives, support staff capacity, and leverage additional grant funding.

Local governments are on the front lines of responding to climate impacts and play a key role in achieving provincial climate objectives. The loss of this predictable funding source would create financial and operational challenges and limit the ability to advance climate initiatives aligned with provincial priorities.

The Regional Board respectfully requests that the Province confirm its commitment to ongoing, stable LGCAP funding. Continued partnership with local governments is essential to achieving shared climate goals and supporting resilient communities.

Yours sincerely,

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Loyal Wooldridge
Chair

cc: Local MLAs
Southern Interior Local Government Association
BC regional districts and municipalities

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Via email: ECS.Minister@gov.bc.ca

June 30, 2026

Honourable Adrian Dix, MLA
Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions
PO Box 9060 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Dix:

Re: Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) Funding

At the Oak Bay Council Meeting held June 8, 2026, Council resolved:

That Council direct the Mayor to send a letter to the Province and local MLAs outlining the need for continued Local Government Climate Action Program funding and share this letter with the Capital Regional District Board of Directors and other BC municipal elected officials.

For more than a decade, the Province has supported local climate initiatives through grant funding to communities across British Columbia. The Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP), the current form of this support, provides local governments and Modern Treaty Nations with funding, guidance, and direct support to implement effective climate actions across B.C.

This funding supports timely local climate action that reduces greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, prepares communities for the impacts of a changing climate and creates new opportunities for people in the clean economy.

Eligible expenditures can include, but are not limited to:

- Investments to improve energy efficiency and investing in climate infrastructure
- Matching funds to leverage funding from the federal government or other parties
- Staffing and contracts
- Risk assessments, communications and engagement

These funds have been a critical and reliable funding source of support that the District and most other local governments have relied on to implement climate solutions, support staff expertise, deliver programs, and leverage additional grant funding from other organizations.

In February 2026, the Provincial Government released the 2026/27–2028/29 Service Plan for the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions. The plan does not include funding for the continuation of the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP); however, to date, no final decision or direction has been communicated publicly by the Province.

Oak Bay Council would like to advocate for the continued funding of LGCAP and its inclusion in the 2026/27- 2028/29 Service Plan as the loss of Provincial LGCAP funding would be detrimental to the District's ability (and the ability of all local governments) to continue developing and implementing our climate action program.

Thank you for your time and consideration and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Murdoch', with a stylized, cursive script.

Kevin Murdoch, Mayor
District of Oak Bay

- c. *Hon. Diana Gibson, MLA Oak Bay-Gordon Head*
Hon. Grace Lore, MLA Victoria-Beacon Hill
Hon. Lana Popham, MLA Saanich South
Hon. Nina Krieger, MLA Victoria-Swan Lake
Hon. Ravi Parmar, MLA Langford-Highlands
Darlene Rotchford, MLA Esquimalt-Colwood
Rob Botterell, MLA Saanich North and the Islands
Capital Regional Board of Directors
BC Municipalities – Elected Officials

From: [McFarland, Theresa TACS:EX](#)
To: [BC Historic Places Register TACS:EX](#)
Cc: [Heritage TACS:EX](#)
Subject: Advance notice: New submission process for the BC Register of Historic Places
Date: July 21, 2026 3:40:54 PM
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[Letter Regarding Updated Notification Process.pdf](#)

Good afternoon,

This email provides early notice of what's changing and the steps required for local governments as part of the new submission process for the [BC Register of Historic Places](#) (BCRHP). BCRHP was launched in 2024 providing a modern, public-facing platform that improves access to information about historic places across British Columbia. Building on that launch, the Province is now introducing an enhanced submission process designed to make it easier and faster for local governments to submit and manage information about locally recognized historic places.

Beginning in September 2026, local governments will have access to a new online data entry form to submit information about locally recognized historic places to the BCRHP, eliminating the need to complete and submit a PDF form.

What's changing

A new online data entry form will be introduced for local government submissions to the BCRHP. The information required remains the same. The only change is how submissions are made. Submissions made through the current PDF form will continue to be supported during the transition period.

Important: The online form will be established as the primary way for local governments to send a formal submission to the BCRHP. Separate notification letters and accompanying PDF documents no longer need to be submitted by email. Please see letter from Roger Tinney, Director of Heritage Branch, attached for more details.

Why we are moving to online data entry

This enhancement is intended to improve efficiency and data quality for both local governments and the Province, and offer the following benefits:

- **Reduced paperwork and administrative effort:** Submissions can be completed directly through the online form, eliminating the need to prepare and submit formal letters or PDF documents and reducing processing time for both applicants and staff.
- **Updated, reliable, and modernized platform:** The online form supports a modernized system for preserving and recording publicly available records in a reliable and accessible manner.
- **Support for the public site:** Improved efficiency and timely submissions help keep publicly available records accurate and current.

Timing and rollout

To support a smooth transition, the new submission process will be introduced in phases, as outlined below.

- **September 2026:** A follow-up email with additional information about the new submission process, including implementation details, resources, and confirmation of the official go-live date.
- **September 2026:** The online data entry form will be made available on the BCRHP website.
- **PDF form:** The PDF form will be gradually phased out during transition to the online form.

How to access the online submission form

To submit information using the new online form, a Business BCeID is required. Local governments are encouraged to begin the Business BCeID registration process before the new system is launched.

Check the [Business Directory](#) for existing local government accounts or connect with your organization's Business BCeID administrator. No action is required currently for organizations that already have a Business BCeID.

If your organization does not yet have a Business BCeID account:

1. Go to the [BCeID main page](#).
2. Click **Register for a Business BCeID** near the bottom of the page.
3. Follow the instructions to create a **Business BCeID** account.

Training and support

To support local governments in transitioning to the new online site submission process, the Heritage Branch will provide support materials and training resources. Additional information on training resources will be provided in a follow-up email in August 2026.

Questions and more information

If you have questions about the BCRHP or the new submission process, please contact the Heritage Branch at BCHistoricPlacesRegister@gov.bc.ca. If you are not the appropriate contact, please forward this email to the relevant person and, if possible, share their contact information so we can update our records for future communications.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for the important role local governments play in identifying and stewarding British Columbia's historic places. We look forward to supporting you through this transition!

Kind regards,
Theresa



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I acknowledge with respect that I live and work on the traditional territories of the Lekwungen peoples, known today as the Esquimalt and Songhees First Nations.

July 21st, 2026

Re: Updated Notification Process under Section 595 of the Local Government Act

I am writing to advise local governments of an update to the notification process required under section 595 of the *Local Government Act* (LGA) when a historic place is recognized or protected as heritage, or when a property no longer meets those criteria.

Section 595 requires local governments to notify the Minister responsible for the administration of the *Heritage Conservation Act* when heritage recognition or protection is provided through specified mechanisms, including tax exemptions, inclusion in a community heritage register, heritage revitalization agreements, or designation bylaws. Until now, this notification has been provided through a letter submitted by email to the Heritage Branch and Historic Site Form (PDF document).

In 2024, the Heritage Branch launched the BC Register of Historic Places (BCRHP) database, which stores and publicly shares information on officially recognized and designated heritage sites throughout the province. The Heritage Branch is now implementing a new function that allows local governments to directly submit and update heritage site records through the BCRHP website.

This letter is to confirm that the new notification process overseen by the Heritage Branch in the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport fulfills the requirement to notify the Minister for the purposes of LGA section 595. Submissions will continue to be reviewed and approved by Heritage Branch staff, consistent with current practices. Separate notification letters and associated PDF documents submitted by email will no longer be required.

This updated process will streamline administration for local governments and the Province, while supporting timely and accurate public access to heritage information.

Additional guidance including training materials on how to use the new BCRHP submission function will be provided by the Heritage Branch. For more information on this, please contact the Heritage Branch directly at BCHistoricPlacesRegister@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you for your continued work in conserving British Columbia's historic places.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Tinney'.

Roger Tinney
Director, Heritage Branch

Office of the Premier

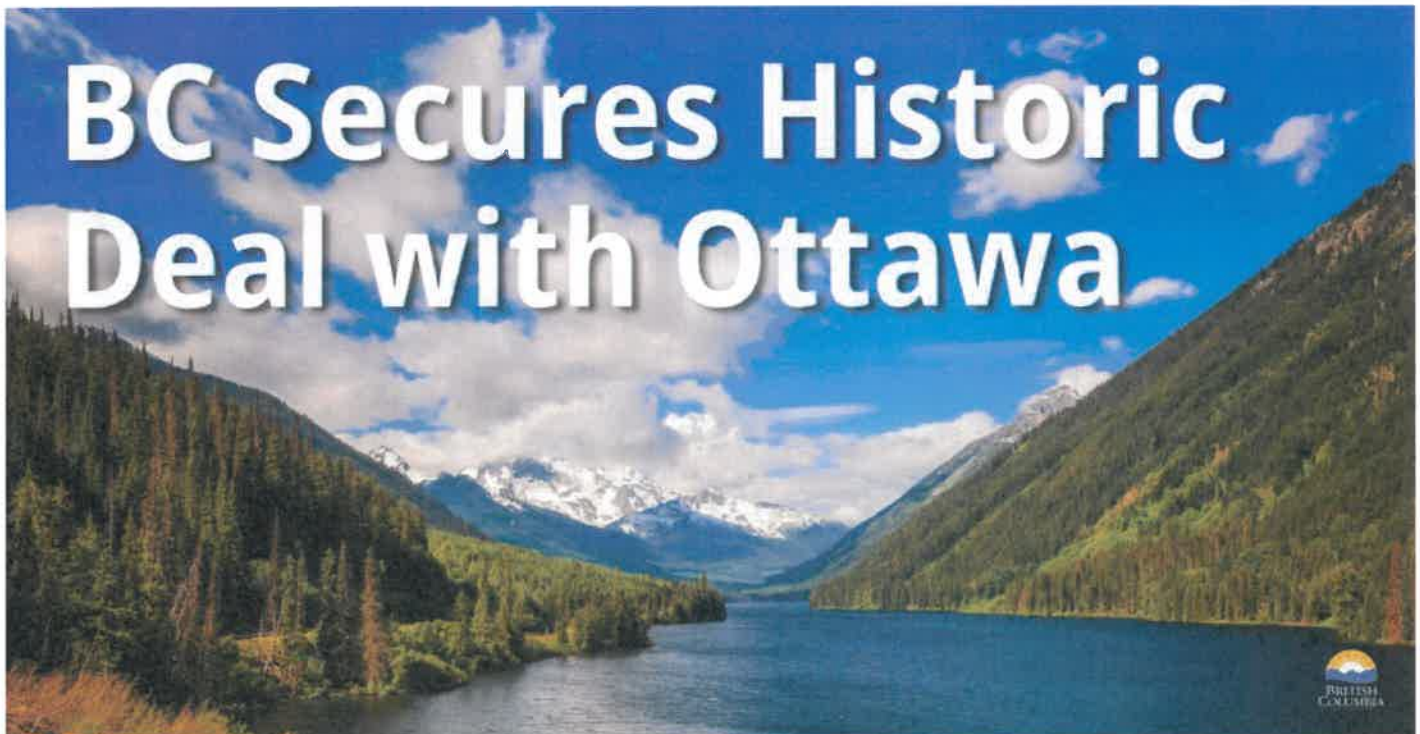
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B.C. secures landmark agreement to power decades of jobs, prosperity, growth

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/33990>

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Updated July 2, 2026



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Multi-billion-dollar deal funds transportation, clean energy, commits to strengthening child care, workforce training, while protecting B.C.'s north coast tanker ban

Summary

- *Delivers major new funding for critical infrastructure, resource projects, clean energy*
- *Advances commitments to workforce training, child care, environmental protection*
- *Protects North Coast tanker ban and secures fair compensation for any future pipeline*

Premier David Eby has secured a multi-billion-dollar agreement with Prime Minister Mark Carney that sets British Columbia on a generational path to prosperity, unlocking

jobs for workers, support for vital public services and infrastructure, and protecting the tanker ban and British Columbia's pristine northern coast.

"This agreement is about building B.C.'s future – not just for this year, but for generations to come. It means more good jobs for workers and more opportunities to train for better pay, all while protecting the beautiful places that make our province so remarkable," said Premier Eby. "This deal will deliver faster commutes as we build critical infrastructure, less pollution as we power growth with clean electricity, and the kind of shared prosperity that funds strong public services. I want to thank the Prime Minister for recognizing the key role B.C. is playing in building a stronger, more independent Canada."

The Canada-British Columbia Cooperative Prosperity Agreement creates a new long-term partnership between the federal and provincial government – built around B.C.'s unique position as Canada's Pacific gateway and its world-class strengths in clean energy, natural resources, critical minerals and trade infrastructure. It also confirms that the North Coast tanker ban will be fully maintained without modification, and it ensures British Columbia is compensated for environmental risk if the federal government imposes a pipeline on the province. The agreement secures new commitments on watershed protection and does not require the Government of B.C. to support any pipeline proposal from Alberta.

Central to this new partnership is a multi-billion-dollar investment from the federal government to support major projects in B.C. – led by up to \$3 billion toward the cost of the Fraser River Tunnel Project, as well as commitments to the Red Chris mine expansion and the North Coast Transmission Line (NCTL). Support for NCTL will mean a \$3.9-billion net benefit to rate payers. The agreement also advances shared commitments to workforce training and child care, helping ensure B.C. has the skilled workers needed to build critical infrastructure and seize new economic opportunities.

"British Columbians have always known how to build big and how to build well. Today, Canada and British Columbia are building on that legacy by further accelerating major energy projects and trade corridors, protecting our land and waters, and giving workers the support they need to help build Canada strong," said Prime Minister Carney. "Together, we're turning British Columbia's enormous economic potential into lasting prosperity. We're building British Columbia strong to build Canada strong for all."

Canada and B.C. will continue discussions on federal support to build on B.C.'s natural resource strengths. This includes a new federal commitment to delivering on port infrastructure and additional support for the forest and steel sectors in the face of U.S. tariffs. In an increasingly uncertain world, B.C. can help provide the critical minerals, energy and resources that trusted allies need from a stable, reliable partner – with some of the lowest-carbon LNG in the world, helping support energy security, while reducing global emissions.

This agreement supports B.C.'s Look West jobs and economic growth plan that will see more than \$88 billion in proposed major projects reaching a final investment decision over the next three years. By securing a fair share from the federal government, B.C. expects to strengthen its fiscal foundation and improve front-line public services.

Learn More

Learn More:

To read the Canada-British Columbia Cooperative Prosperity Agreement, visit: <https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2026/07/02/canada-british-columbia-cooperative-prosperity-agreement>

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Translations

Translation files are incoming and will be available shortly.

The B.C. Public Service acknowledges the territories of First Nations around B.C. and is grateful to carry out our work on these lands. We acknowledge the rights, interests, priorities, and concerns of all Indigenous Peoples - First Nations, Métis, and Inuit - respecting and acknowledging their distinct cultures, histories, rights, laws, and governments.



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July 7th, 2026

To: Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities Members
Union of BC Municipalities Members
Federation of Canadian Municipalities Members

Council for the Town of Lake Cowichan passed the following motion and wished to seek your support on this worthwhile initiative.

That the Town of Lake Cowichan supports the *Elect Respect* pledge and commits to:

- Treat others with respect in all spaces—public, private, and online,
- Reject and call out harassment, abuse, and personal attacks,
- Focus debate on ideas and policies, not personal attacks,
- Help build a supportive culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office,
- Call on relevant authorities to ensure the protection of elected officials who face abuse or threats, and
- Model integrity and respect by holding one another to the highest standards of conduct.

THAT the Town of Lake Cowichan, calls on elected officials, organizations, and community members to support the *Elect Respect* campaign and sign the online pledge at <https://electrespect.ca/>; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, Union of BC Municipalities, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Yours truly,

Tim McGonigle
Mayor
Town of Lake Cowichan

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Hello CAO's,

This information below has just been shared with the Board. All of this is public information. Feel free to share in your communications.



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Subject: Film Commission updates July 2026

Good Morning TNRD Board Members,

A brief update on what has been happening for Film Industry in the region:

- A total of **7 projects have filmed in the region** since the beginning of June. A documentary, two independent features, a short film, an episodic, and two commercials.
- **[INFilm Payroll Clerk Training Course](#)** now available for free through Creative Pathways. This is a tremendous opportunity for anyone to get accreditation for payroll in film. It is offered online for free for anyone living in BC and this class will fill up fast.
- **Familiarization Tour plans are underway.** In 2026 we will be touring Electoral Areas A, B, O and P, with a focus on showcasing ski hills and forests to filmmakers.
- **Leo Awards** – BC's Film Award Ceremony saw local filmmaker, Colin Matthews, bring home 4 awards for his short, Never Use Alone. "Learn About Film" speakers Amanda Cawley and Jenn Strom also won awards.
- **Telus Storyhive video podcasts now streaming** - local creators from our region were given the opportunity to share stories rooted in their own communities.
 - **[Small Town Big Screen](#)** (season 2): Join Kyle and Manny as they take a

behind-the-scenes look at productions filmed in and around Kamloops.

- [Ignite Entrepreneurs](#) (season 2): Daniel Akinshola is joined by a variety of successful local entrepreneurs who tell stories about their journeys and give advice on how to be successful in Kamloops.
- [Capes of Kamloops](#) (Season 1): Join Miranda Chrisp from Kamloops as she discusses being a mom and offers advice and support to other mothers.
- **See the TNRD on screen:**
 - [Netflix's Avatar the Last Airbender Season 2](#) is now available to watch, and you might recognize some scenery from Ashcroft in the first minute of Episode 1! (Fun fact, 3 productions were filming in the Ashcroft area on the same day that Avatar was filmed. The other 2 have not yet been released, stay tuned!)
 - [Season 2 of Underdog Inc.](#) is now available and free to watch on [AMI](#)! Filmed mostly in Barriere and Kamloops, this series follows Dale Kristensen, a heavy-machinery operator, truck driver and mechanic, who stands just four-foot-two but takes on jobs built for giants.

Please reach out if you have any follow up questions,



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Subject: Follow-Up - Coordination, Public Records, and Municipal Legal Defence

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing with a further update to my previous June 01 letter, *A Warning to Municipalities: False Independence, Special Advisors, and Local Democracy*, and with a broader call for municipalities to stand together when provincial intervention or sustained external pressure threatens local democratic authority.

North Saanich and Colwood now offer two different but related examples. The July 13 North Saanich meeting shows how provincial intervention, adviser-driven recommendations and institutional narratives can place an elected municipality under extraordinary pressure. Colwood shows how similar development objectives may also be advanced through individual applications, organized advocacy and large volumes of public correspondence, even where no provincial adviser has been appointed.

Together, these examples show why public participation, transparent records, shared municipal scrutiny and coordinated legal and administrative readiness are essential when institutional or organized narratives risk overshadowing the broader facts.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN NORTH SAANICH

North Saanich is currently responding to an extraordinary provincial housing intervention. After the district completed only 12 of the 60 units assigned under its first-year housing target, the Province appointed CBRE Development Strategy and Consulting as an external adviser to review the municipality's planning policies, development processes and governance conditions.

The adviser produced 19 recommendations. The Province then advised North Saanich that it intended to impose four directives and five enhanced reporting requirements affecting lot sizes, subdivision rules, parking standards, accessory housing, delegation of certain council decisions to staff, advisory-committee activity and the treatment of specific development applications.

North Saanich was given a limited period to respond while also dealing with staff conflict, constrained municipal capacity, confidential discussions with the Province and questions about the technical, financial and infrastructure consequences of the proposed changes.

Immediately before council considered the Province's proposed housing directives, Black Press published John Kafka's letter, "More transparency needed in North Saanich," while the Times Colonist published the closely related commentary, "Closed doors on decision-making in North Saanich erodes trust."

Both portrayed council's in-camera meetings as evidence of a widening gulf between council and residents and introduced the suggestion that perhaps it was time to "vote them all out." Neither adequately addressed the extraordinary environment created by the provincial adviser, proposed directives, enhanced reporting requirements, staff conflict and confidential intergovernmental discussions.

The July 13 meeting demonstrated something markedly different. Attendance was so large that additional chairs were required and the room's fire-safety capacity had to be checked. Council unanimously moved public participation ahead of its own deliberations and repeatedly extended the speaking period so everyone wishing to address the matter could be heard.

The vast majority of residents who spoke supported the mayor and council, defended the community's Official Community Plan, criticized the provincial intervention, questioned the adviser's evidence or independence, or urged council to resist provincial overreach.

Residents raised detailed concerns involving infrastructure, water, sewer and transportation capacity; agriculture and food security; flooding and environmental risks; affordability and taxpayer costs; the proposed expansion of the Urban Containment Boundary; the adviser's treatment of community advisory committees; and major recommendations apparently made before the technical studies needed to justify them had been completed.

Some support for the provincial position also appeared. Certain remarks were especially polished and closely aligned with the Province's framing. Those interventions represented a small minority of the overall public response.

Whatever concerns may remain about unrelated closed meetings or the suspension of advisory committees, the July 13 meeting did not resemble a community asking the Province to rescue it from its elected council. It showed residents appearing in substantial numbers to defend local planning, democratic authority, transparency and evidence-based decision-making.

I encourage mayors, councillors and residents throughout British Columbia to watch the July 13 meeting recording available through the District of North Saanich meeting webpage and YouTube

channel. The complete meeting provides a much clearer account of public sentiment than isolated media commentary.

THE INVERSION OF ACCOUNTABILITY

North Saanich was not operating in an ordinary municipal environment. The Province had announced its intention to impose four directives and five enhanced reporting requirements. These proposals reach into lot sizes, subdivision rules, parking standards, accessory housing, delegation of certain council decisions to staff, advisory-committee activity and the handling of specific development applications.

The adviser's report also extended beyond technical housing analysis into council governance, staff culture, public communications and community participation. It relied partly on interviews with current and former staff, developers, municipal consultants and unidentified stakeholders.

This creates a striking inversion. The elected municipality losing authority is portrayed as the transparency problem. The Province acquiring additional authority is portrayed as merely providing support. Council's confidential discussions are treated as suspicious, while the adviser's undisclosed interviews, participant-selection process and institutional assumptions receive comparatively little scrutiny. Residents are then encouraged to consider replacing the entire council immediately before that council must decide whether to resist or negotiate provincial demands.

Provincial intervention creates pressure, conflict and secrecy within the municipality. Those resulting conditions are then portrayed as evidence that the municipality cannot govern itself, helping justify still greater provincial control.

ADVISER INDEPENDENCE MUST BE DEMONSTRATED

The North Saanich adviser was CBRE Development Strategy and Consulting, part of a major commercial real-estate organization. This does not automatically invalidate every observation in the report. It does create an obvious need for scrutiny when a development-oriented consultancy is appointed to determine whether a municipality is creating sufficiently favourable conditions for development.

At the July 13 meeting, Mayor Peter Jones stated that North Saanich had no role in selecting CBRE and expressed concern that the Province had appointed an organization whose work includes assisting development interests.

The report emphasizes development feasibility, market confidence, developer experiences and structural changes intended to improve development conditions. It also makes recommendations affecting governance, advisory processes and public communications.

Municipalities should therefore seek disclosure of adviser-selection criteria, conflicts and professional relationships, interview participants and selection methods, communications between the adviser and ministry, technical studies supporting each recommendation, and the extent to which conclusions originated with the adviser, ministry staff, developers, consultants or other stakeholders.

The SD61 experience demonstrated why "independent" cannot be accepted as a substitute for demonstrated independence. North Saanich's adviser was appointed before the full significance of the SD61 communications and adviser relationships became publicly understood, making careful retrospective scrutiny especially important.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN COLWOOD

Colwood presents an important contrast with North Saanich. North Saanich became subject to a provincially appointed housing adviser after falling short of its first-year housing target. Colwood, by comparison, has already experienced substantial housing growth, including the continuing build-out of Royal Bay, and has not faced the same form of provincial intervention.

That does not mean development pressure disappears once provincial expectations are being met. Instead, Colwood offers a view of how similar objectives can be advanced through individual applications, existing planning policy, developer advocacy and organized public correspondence.

The dispute surrounding 420 Tamarack Road is a useful example. The application attracted lengthy submissions from the developer, the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce, local businesses, tradespeople, families, neighbourhood residents and organized opponents. Many supportive letters repeated similar themes involving housing supply, future generations, walkability, local business growth and consistency with the Official Community Plan. Some writers stated that they were asked to consider the proposal or that it had been brought to their attention through friends, relatives or business contacts.

At times, the volume gives the impression that every developer, business associate, spouse and perhaps even the family pet was invited to submit a detailed opinion.

Humour aside, the pattern matters. There is no basis to assume that every similar letter was written or supplied by the developer. However, the volume, common themes and highly polished presentation show how apparent public support can be amplified through professional, commercial and personal networks.

The opposition submissions were also substantial, but often focused more directly on council resolutions, neighbourhood designation, sewer capacity, transit, infrastructure, procedural fairness and specific planning evidence. Some included footnotes, meeting timestamps and proposed council directions.

COLWOOD AND THE PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE RECORD

This context makes Colwood's recent Council Procedure Bylaw review especially important. Staff initially proposed that written submissions continue to be circulated privately to council but no longer be appended to publicly available agendas, citing privacy, administrative workload and the growing length and complexity of AI-assisted correspondence.

After reviewing the 420 Tamarack record, the workload concern is understandable. The published packages run to dozens of pages with plenty of redactions. But that volume is also precisely why the correspondence must remain public.

Without publication, residents and journalists could not compare repeated themes, distinguish individual opinion from organized advocacy, identify template or professionally assisted campaigns, see which businesses and associations were participating, or assess whether later claims about public support matched the actual record.

Ironically, making correspondence private in response to AI or excessive volume would make coordinated or amplified campaigns harder to detect.

Continuing to publish submissions while imposing limitations when necessary is therefore a reasonable compromise for routine matters. Complex planning, infrastructure and governance issues may still require supporting material, which could be preserved through a one-page summary accompanied by appendices or a separate public archive.

The answer to excessive advocacy should not be to conceal the advocacy. Transparency allows the public to see not only what people said, but who mobilized, what arguments were repeated and how apparent public sentiment was constructed.

North Saanich shows pressure imposed from above through an adviser and proposed directives. Colwood shows how similar pressure may be assembled around a particular application through planning policy, organized stakeholder advocacy and correspondence.

In both cases, the public record is essential. North Saanich demonstrates why residents must sometimes appear in person to prevent a narrow narrative from standing in for the community. Colwood demonstrates why the written record must remain visible so the public can understand how that narrative developed.

AFFORDABILITY, INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOCAL AUTHORITY

The experiences of North Saanich and Colwood reinforce concerns raised by View Royal Mayor Sid Tobias.

Mayor Tobias has warned that housing supply and housing affordability are too often treated as interchangeable, even though additional market units do not necessarily become affordable to workers, families or seniors. He has also questioned policies that shift authority away from elected councils, limit public participation or leave municipalities and existing taxpayers responsible for the consequences of provincially driven growth.

North Saanich and Colwood face different forms of pressure, but both demonstrate why housing decisions cannot responsibly be reduced to unit counts alone. Municipal councils must retain the ability to consider affordability, cumulative impacts, community plans and local evidence before major and potentially irreversible decisions are made.

MAYOR TOBIAS'S CALL FOR COORDINATED JUDICIAL REVIEW

Mayor Sid Tobias deserves credit for placing coordinated municipal judicial review of provincial housing legislation squarely on the public agenda. I believe this is an excellent and necessary idea. Municipalities should give it practical force by contributing modest amounts in advance to a shared Municipal Democracy and Judicial Review Fund, rather than waiting until one community is already under severe pressure and must carry the entire legal and administrative burden alone.

The fund could be organized through UBCM, regional partnerships or another lawful intermunicipal structure. It could support independent legal opinions, coordinated judicial-review applications, expert evidence, document preservation and emergency assistance

where serious questions arise concerning legality, jurisdiction, procedural fairness, consultation or democratic authority.

It could also provide temporary administrative support when a municipality receives an unusually large volume of public correspondence. That support could help with intake, indexing, duplicate identification, lawful redaction, preparation of public agenda packages and maintenance of a searchable public record.

This matters because one municipality cannot necessarily solve the problem simply by asking staff from another municipality to process its correspondence. Unredacted submissions may contain personal information, confidential material or other records that can only be handled by authorized recipients under the municipality's own privacy and records-management obligations. A shared fund could instead allow the affected municipality to hire additional authorized staff or qualified contractors while retaining control over the records.

That would address the workload problem without making public correspondence private.

The fund would not commit municipalities to opposing every provincial housing measure or automatically pursuing litigation. It would simply ensure that municipalities have the practical capacity to obtain independent advice, preserve public participation and respond effectively when ordinary staffing and legal resources are insufficient.

The circumstances in North Saanich show the danger of leaving one municipality to respond alone to extraordinary provincial intervention. Colwood shows how a large correspondence campaign can overwhelm staff even when keeping the written record public is essential to accountability.

A coordinated fund would therefore protect both municipal authority and public transparency. It would also strengthen negotiations by ensuring that action affecting one community could be examined collectively, supported by shared financial resources rather than resisted by an isolated council with a limited budget.

Rights that cannot realistically be defended remain largely at the discretion of the more powerful government. Public participation that cannot realistically be processed may likewise become vulnerable to restriction. Mayor Tobias's proposal offers municipalities a practical way to protect both.

A CALL TO UNITE

Municipalities should unite around several basic principles: evidence before directives; independence that is demonstrated rather than merely declared; affordability rather than unit counts alone; meaningful public participation; a transparent public record; and coordinated judicial review when consultation and negotiation fail.

North Saanich and Colwood illustrate different ways in which local authority and public accountability may come under pressure. Their experiences should not be treated as isolated disputes. They raise broader questions about the balance of authority between municipalities and the Province and about who bears responsibility for the long-term consequences of growth.

Councils should compare experiences, preserve records, share legal research, support residents who participate in good faith and begin setting aside practical resources to defend local democratic authority.

Transparency and accountability must not become standards applied only to elected councils while governments, advisers, consultants, developers, media organizations and organized interests avoid equivalent scrutiny.

The residents who attended the North Saanich meeting demonstrated what genuine public accountability looks like.

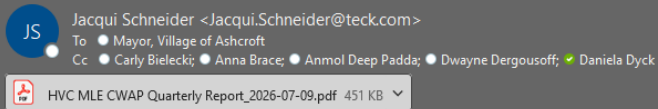
The published Colwood correspondence demonstrates why the written record must remain visible.

Mayor Tobias has shown what coordinated municipal leadership could look like.

Municipalities should now demonstrate what unity looks like.

Respectfully,
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RE: Construction Workforce Accommodation Plan Quarterly Report for the Highland Valley Copper Mine Life Extension Project



Good afternoon, Mayor Roden,

In accordance with the with the Highland Valley Copper Mine Life Extension Project (HVC MLE) Construction Workforce Accommodation Plan (CWAP) requirements, please find enclosed the Construction Workforce Accommodation Plan Quarterly Report, due quarterly during Construction and the final report due within three months of the mechanical completion of HVC MLE and after all construction contractors are demobilized. The scope of the report, as described in the CWAP, includes “Local accommodation monitoring report considering emerging issues and themes related to accommodation effects of HVC MLE Construction, including adaptive management”.

Please note that the format of the report has been updated relative to the last report in April 2026 to improve overall formatting and context to the submission.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this report, or more broadly about local or regional accommodation issues you may be observing, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Jacqui.Schneider@teck.com.

Regards,
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Construction Workforce Accommodation Plan Quarterly Report for the Highland Valley Copper Mine Life Extension Project

July 9, 2026



Construction Workforce Accommodation Plan Quarterly Report for the Highland Valley Copper Mine Life Extension Project

Project Name:	Highland Valley Copper Mine Life Extension Project
Environmental Assessment Certificate Number:	EAC M25-01
Date of Report:	July 9, 2026
Reporting Timeframe:	April 2026 to June 2026
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Reviewed by:	Anna Brace, Superintendent, Community & Indigenous Relations, HVC Operations, Teck

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1 Introduction

The Highland Valley Copper (HVC) Mine Site is a large open pit copper and molybdenum mine located 17 kilometres (km) west of Logan Lake and approximately 75 km southwest of Kamloops, British Columbia (BC). The Highland Valley is a significant area for Indigenous Peoples who have historically occupied the area and continue to use it today; primary and traditional uses include but are not limited to: hunting, fishing, gathering, other cultural and spiritual purposes, agriculture, and livestock watering. The HVC Mine Site is located within the unceded territory of the Nlaka'pamux Nation, and the Secwépemc Nation also have interests in the area.

On June 17, 2025, the Highland Valley Copper Mine Life Extension Project (HVC MLE) received Environmental Assessment Certificate #M25-01 under the BC *Environmental Assessment Act*. HVC MLE will extend the life of the HVC mine operation by extending the Highmont and Valley pits, increasing the capacity of the existing tailings storage facility, and upgrading the mine infrastructure. The Project is currently in the Construction phase, which began on July 9, 2025.

2 Regulatory Context

Schedule B Table of Conditions for the HVC MLE Project Environmental Assessment Certificate #M25-01 Condition 10 required the development of a Construction Workforce Accommodation Plan (CWAP). As described in conditions 10.3 (d) and (e), respectively, the plan must include the following:

- How the plan will be monitored and evaluated for its effectiveness on an ongoing basis to verify that it aligns with the predictions provided in the Application relating to the availability of accommodation
- How information will be reported to affected stakeholders, service providers and community representatives

As outlined in the HVC MLE CWAP¹, HVC MLE has committed to conduct an analysis of:

- HVC MLE-Specific Accommodation Indicators, including:
 - Monthly average of on-site construction workers that live locally versus work mobile
 - Monthly average of on-site mobile construction workers being temporarily accommodated in the LSA by community
 - Qualitative feedback if received by HVC and its contractors regarding the use of local/regional accommodation by the HVC MLE mobile construction workforce

¹ The HVC MLE CWAP is available at:

https://projects.eao.gov.bc.ca/api/public/document/69c2bf72245bc1190f3e6640/download/EAC-M25-1_Condition-10_Construction-Workforce-Accommodation-Plan_Rev-2_CWAP_2026-03-05.pdf.

- General Accommodation Indicators, including:
 - Hotel/motel occupancy (%)
 - Owned housing prices (\$)
 - Rental rates (\$)
 - Rental vacancy rates (%)
 - Local/regional accommodation issues/concerns

The HVC MLE CWAP requirements include a quarterly report with the following parameters:

- Scope: Local accommodation monitoring report considering emerging issues and themes related to accommodation effects of HVC MLE Construction, including adaptive management
- Content: Results of indicators as detailed in Tables 1 and 2 below, emerging issues and themes related to accommodation effects of HVC MLE Construction, including any adaptive management undertaken
- Frequency: Quarterly during Construction within six months after commencement of HVC MLE Construction. Final report within three months of the mechanical completion of HVC MLE and after all construction contractors are demobilized

3 Distribution

The following Indigenous Governments and Organizations and parties receive this quarterly report via email or in accordance with their respective requested preferences:

- Nlaka'pamux Nation:
 - Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly
 - Kanaka Bar Indian Band
 - Lower Nicola Indian Band
 - Nlaka'pamux Nation Tribal Council
 - Spuzzum First Nation
- Secwepemc Nation:
 - Bonaparte First Nation
 - Stk'emlupsemc te Secwépemc Nation
- City of Kamloops
- District of Logan Lake
- City of Merritt
- Village of Ashcroft
- Village of Cache Creek
- Thompson Nicola Regional District
- Gold Country Communities Society

- Kamloops Accommodation Association
- Tourism Merritt
- Tourism Kamloops
- Kamloops and District Chamber of Commerce

4 Monitoring Results

HVC MLE construction workforce accommodation monitoring activities include reviewing feedback shared by Indigenous Governments and Organizations and municipalities during engagement activities, as well internal and external information sources to understand emerging issues related to workforce accommodations. Monitoring also incorporates quantitative information from tourism industry associations.

HVC MLE-Specific Accommodation Indicator data is provided in Table 1. During this reporting period, representatives from the District of Logan Lake identified a potential HVC MLE-related accommodation concern. Specifically, a reduction in the availability of affordable rental housing was observed, attributable to increased demand and rising rental rates within the community.

District representatives noted that reduced housing affordability and availability may create recruitment and retention challenges for local businesses, as prospective employees may be unable to secure suitable accommodation. Consequently, businesses may have trouble attracting and keeping employees, making it harder to maintain their operations.

Table 1: HVC MLE-Specific Accommodation Indicators

Indicator from CWAP	Location	Type	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026
Monthly average of on-site construction workers that live locally versus work mobile. ¹	Ashcroft	Local ²	1	1	1	1	1
		Mobile ³	0	0	0	0	0
Monthly average of on-site mobile construction workers being temporarily accommodated in the LSA.	Kamloops	Local	91	114	131	161	172
		Mobile	48	114	139	177	222
	Logan Lake	Local	4	4	6	6	6
		Mobile	7	8	7	7	7
	Chase	Local	1	0	1	1	1
		Mobile	1	2	2	2	1
	Clinton	Local	0	0	0	0	0
		Mobile	0	0	0	0	0
	Mclure	Local	1	1	1	1	1
		Mobile	0	0	0	0	0
	Lower Nicola	Local	3	3	4	4	5
		Mobile	0	0	2	3	3
	Merritt	Local	19	34	39	45	46
		Mobile	6	9	10	13	15
	Savona	Local	2	2	2	2	2
		Mobile	0	unknown ⁴	1	1	1
	Local Total		122	159	189	221	248
	Mobile Total ³		71	138	171	219	247
	Total Onsite Workforce (Local and Mobile)		193	297	360	440	495
Qualitative feedback if received by HVC and its contractors regarding the use of local/regional accommodation by the HVC MLE mobile construction workforce during the April to June 2026 reporting period.	Representatives from the District of Logan Lake identified an observed reduction in the availability of affordable rental housing in Logan Lake, driven by an increase in rental rates and increased demand. It was noted that the lack of availability may potentially impact local businesses as prospective employees may be unable to secure suitable accommodation within the community. No other qualitative feedback was received from other parties.						

¹ Source of data as per CWAP: HVC MLE and contractors established human resources systems. June 2026 data not available at the time of writing.

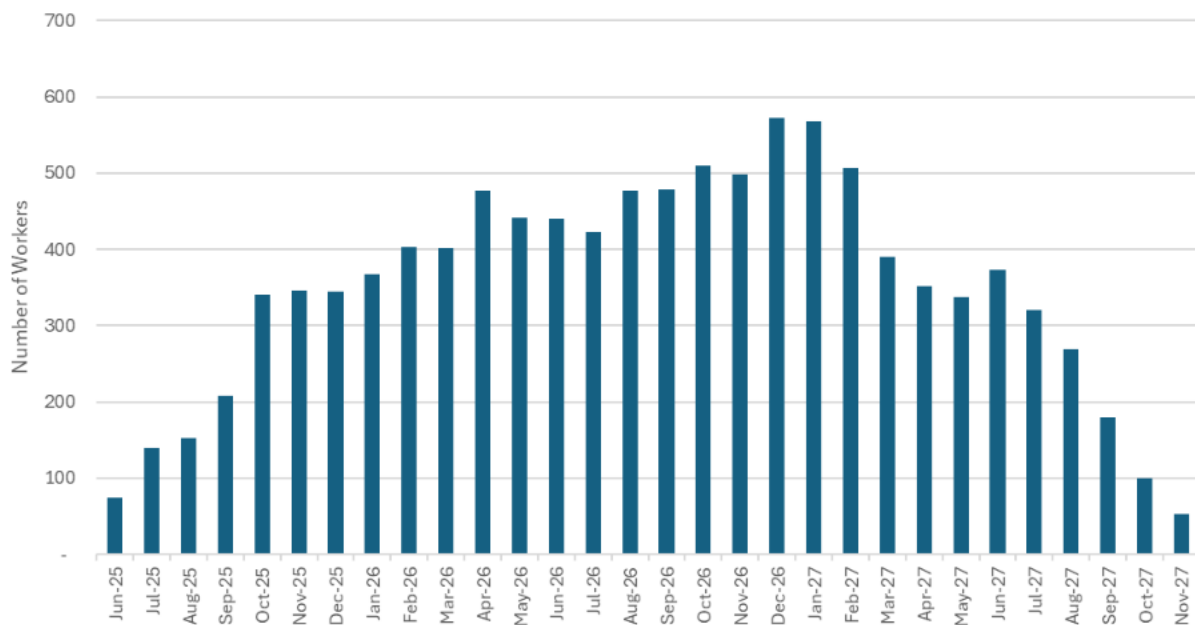
² Local Workforce: Employees whose work arrangement did not require relocation.

³ Mobile Workforce: Employees whose work arrangement required relocation away from their usual place of residence. In the data collection form, this includes records where Relocation = "Permanent Relocation," "Temporary Relocation," or "Rotation."

⁴ Unknown: These employees reported working onsite as non-local, yet no specific location was provided. This could be an error when reporting mobile location.

Figure 1 has been provided to show the anticipated number of HVC MLE workers needing temporary housing. The accommodation needs projection show in Figure 1 may differ from current data (e.g., May projection is ~450 while actuals are 247) due to project scope adjustments, changes in contractors' awards and mobilizations and construction sequence adjustments.

Figure 1: HVC MLE Anticipated Number of Workers Needing Temporary Housing



General accommodation indicator data is provided in Table 2. Please note that rental market indicators published by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) are released annually and are derived from survey data collected in October. Consequently, the reported rental market data, while from Q4 2025, constitutes the most recent CMHC data available at the time of reporting (July 9, 2026).

Table 2: General Accommodation Indicators

Indicator from CWAP	Jul to Sept 2025	Oct to Dec 2025	Jan to Mar 2026	Apr to June 2026
Hotel/motel occupancy (%) ¹	69.2	69.2	69.2	74.2
Owned housing prices-Single Detached Unit median sale price (\$) ²	673,200	679,900	679,900	693,000
Average Rental rates 2-Bed Apt (\$) ²	1,679	1,679	1,679	1,679
Rental vacancy rates (%) ²	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Local/regional accommodation issues/concerns ³	None raised	None raised	None raised	Yes, see Table 1

¹ Source of data as per CWAP: Tourism Kamloops.

² Source of data as per CWAP: CMHC, Statistics Canada Federal Census, and publicly available information prepared by local communities and/or stakeholders.

³ Source of data as per CWAP: Publicly available studies, plans, and/or reports prepared by local communities and/or stakeholders regarding local accommodation; and HVC's and contractors established Indigenous and community engagement systems.

5 Analysis

5.1 Analysis of Results of Monitoring

HVC MLE reviewed the concerns shared by the District of Logan Lake against available workforce accommodation data. Monitoring results indicate that Logan Lake continues to account for a relatively small portion of mobile workforce accommodation, with an average of 7 mobile workers reported as residing in Logan Lake during the period. The majority of the mobile workforce continues to be accommodated in Kamloops as highlighted in Table 1: HVC MLE-Specific Accommodation Indicators. The estimated hotel and motel supply in Logan Lake is estimated to be 20², not considering other accommodation options (e.g., campground, room rentals).

5.2 Emerging Issues and Themes

Current monitoring results do not indicate that HVC MLE workforce accommodation demand is causing accommodation capacity constraints at a regional scale. HVC MLE will continue to monitor accommodation demand, feedback from Indigenous Governments and Organizations or other parties, and workforce distribution trends through future reporting periods and will evaluate whether additional management actions are warranted.

Total workforce increased from approximately 297 workers in February to 495 workers in May 2026 (see Table 1) and is expected to increase towards peak construction activity. This may place additional pressure on local rental markets, particularly if it overlaps with the summer period when demand from other users is highest. Peak construction pressures are expected to be short-term and concentrated in the fall/winter months where tourism seasonal demand eases in Kamloops and accommodation availability in Kamloops has historically improved, even as project workforce levels continue to rise.

Accommodation demand may be distributed across several communities in the region; however, Kamloops is predominantly utilized by the mobile workforce due to its proximity to regional air service, availability of amenities, and centralized transportation infrastructure.

In smaller nearby communities, such as Logan Lake, where rental supply is limited, the mobile workforce is expected to drive sustained demand for available accommodations throughout the construction phase

5.3 Adaptive Management

Adaptive management is outlined in the CWAP through management actions CWA 11 and CWA12 listed in Table 3 below.

² Highland Valley Copper Mine Life Extension Project. 2026. Construction Workforce Accommodation Plan, https://projects.eao.gov.bc.ca/api/public/document/69c2bf72245bc1190f3e6640/download/EAC-M25-1_Condition-10_Construction-Workforce-Accommodation-Plan_Rev-2_CWAP_2026-03-05.pdf.

Table 3: Management Actions Adaptive Management

#	Observation	Adaptive Management Response
CWA11	HVC or its contractors receives concerns from Indigenous Governments and Organizations, local communities or local accommodation providers regarding the use of local/regional accommodation by the HVC MLE mobile construction workforce	• The Qualified Person will assess the concern through the review of any associated monitoring data and in discussion with the party who raised the concern. • The Qualified Person will determine whether any variances or modifications to management actions or new management actions are warranted. • If variances or changes to the management plan are warranted as determined by the Qualified Person, those variances or changes will occur as per Section 12 of the CWAP.
CWA12	Monitoring results indicate that the effects are not being mitigated to the extent contemplated in the Single Application Package relating to availability of accommodation or the effects are different than contemplated in the Single Application Package and this plan.	• The Qualified Person will determine whether any variances or modifications to management actions or new management actions are warranted. • If variances or changes to the management plan are warranted as determined by the Qualified Person, those variances or changes will occur as per Section 12 of the CWAP.

Based on the analysis of the monitoring data, there continues to be sufficient accommodation capacity in the region to support the HVC MLE mobile workforce overall, although availability may tighten at certain times or in specific communities. HVC acknowledges the concerns brought forward regarding affordable accommodation challenges in Logan Lake, however given the reported low average of mobile workers residing in Logan Lake, it is likely that the observed demand and availability issues are not solely driven by HVC MLE. At this time, no modifications to management actions or new management actions are considered warranted, however HVC MLE will continue to engage with the District of Logan Lake to understand any changes.

Health

British Columbia News

Minister's statement about new licensing bylaws approved by College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/34004>

Monday, July 6, 2026 3:30 PM

Josie Osborne, Minister of Health, has released the following statement about new licensing bylaws approved by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia for internationally trained physicians:

"To meet the growing health-care needs of people across the province, we are continuing to take action to strengthen health care and connect more patients with the care they need. This means training more doctors here, recruiting experienced physicians from elsewhere and removing unnecessary barriers that can keep qualified professionals from getting to work.

"Starting Monday, July 6, 2026, bylaw changes by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC come into effect. The changes will allow more internationally trained physicians to apply directly for a full licence to practise in B.C., rather than first having to work under a provisional licence. This will reduce paperwork, make the process easier to navigate and help qualified physicians begin practising independently sooner.

"The changes apply to eligible physicians trained in Australia, Hong Kong, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. Physicians in recognized specialties, who have completed eligible accredited postgraduate training, will be able to apply directly for a full licence in B.C."

"At the same time, the college is expanding the BC Physician Integration Program requirement to include internationally trained physicians who are new to independent practice in Canada, including those entering through the new full-licence pathway.

"Physicians can complete this program at no cost during their first year in B.C. through the University of British Columbia's continuing professional development department. The program helps them adapt more quickly to our health-care system and understand how care is delivered here, supporting a smoother transition for physicians and more consistent, culturally safe care for patients. Because the program is completed after licensure, it provides this support without delaying when a physician can begin practising.

"Together, these changes maintain B.C.'s high standards for patient care, while reducing unnecessary administrative burden and giving physicians the support they need to succeed.

"This is another concrete action to cut red tape and make B.C. more competitive in recruiting doctors, which helps strengthen our health-care workforce and get more

recruiting doctors, which helps strengthen our health-care workforce and get more people the care they need, closer to home. It is part of a broader effort that has already resulted in more than 580 health professionals from the United States accepting job offers in B.C. as of March 2026, and more than 600,000 people newly connected to a family doctor or nurse practitioner since 2023.

"We will keep building on that progress with practical steps that bring more providers into the system and make care easier to access."

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Translations

- [NewLicensingBylaws_Chinese\(simplified\).pdf](#)
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The B.C. Public Service acknowledges the territories of First Nations around B.C. and is grateful to carry out our work on these lands. We acknowledge the rights, interests, priorities, and concerns of all Indigenous Peoples - First Nations, Métis, and Inuit - respecting and acknowledging their distinct cultures, histories, rights, laws, and governments.

NEWS RELEASE

Barriere Library Offers New Meeting Room Technology

Kamloops, BC – July 10, 2026 – Barriere Library is pleased to announce the installation of new meeting room technology to support community groups and local users. This project was supported in part through a grant from the Lower North Thompson Community Forest Society (LNTCFS) Community Grant Program.

“The generosity of the LNTCFS Community Grant Program helped support this technology improvement project,” said Melissa Lowenberg, Manager of Community Libraries and Engagement.

The bookable meeting space now includes a large TV screen and a new wireless system that makes it easy for anyone to share their laptop on the screen with no cables or complicated setup required. With the push of a small USB button, users can instantly connect for video calls, presentations, or hybrid meetings.

“The ways residents might use the space and the new equipment are vast. Patrons could book the room for a telehealth meeting or a family meetup on social media. Non-profit organizations might hold a monthly meeting allowing online access for all members,” noted Pam Rudd, Barriere Library Branch Head. “Bring your own laptop, plug in the USB “button,” connect to the free Wi-Fi, and you are ready to go.”

For more information about the Barriere Library meeting room and to book this space, visit: tnrl.ca/locations.

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NEWS RELEASE

Results of Alternative Approval Process for Regional Search and Rescue Hall

Kamloops, BC – July 2, 2026 – The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) has obtained elector approval to borrow funds for the construction of a shared Regional Search and Rescue Hall and Training Facility, and to create a region-wide service to fund ongoing operations of the facility.

The Alternative Approval Process (AAP) response deadline for eligible voters to submit an Elector Response Form was Friday June 26, 2026, at 4:00 pm. The total number of response forms received was 86, which represents less than 10% (14,029) of the estimated eligible electors (140,299) who would have been required to submit a response form for the initiative not to proceed. Certified results will be shared in an upcoming Board Report during the July 16, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

Specifically, the AAP asked residents in all 10 TNRD Electoral Areas and 11 Member Municipalities if they supported borrowing up to \$6.3 million over a 20-year loan period to fund construction of the Regional Search and Rescue Hall, and funding up to \$100,000 annually for operating costs of the building. The estimated residential tax rate is \$1.07 per \$100,000 of assessed value, meaning a property valued at \$680,000 in the TNRD will expect to pay approximately \$7.37 per year for capital and operating costs of the facility.

The TNRD, its member municipalities, and Kamloops Search and Rescue provided information to eligible electors across the Regional District through many channels, including:

- Public presentations at municipal council meetings;
- Having information sheets available for pickup at the TNRD Civic Building, 10 other municipal offices, and all TNRD Libraries;
- Through multiple news releases; and
- Sharing information and updates through many mediums including in newspapers, on the detailed TNRD project webpage, on social media, through local email lists, and in the TNRD [Spring 2026 Regional Newsletter](#) which was mailed to nearly 18,000 rural addresses in early June.

An AAP was chosen as the method of public approval for this project primarily due to a significant projected cost of holding a region-wide referendum compared to the relatively low tax impact of the proposed service.

This newly approved Regional Search and Rescue Hall and Training Facility will enhance search and rescue services across the TNRD by enabling improved training and mobilization while ensuring KSAR has suitable equipment and storage needs. The TNRD is looking forward to collaborating with KSAR and all other regional SAR groups that will benefit from this facility.

“Kamloops Search and Rescue is truly grateful for the support of the community and the entire TNRD. This milestone not only reflects the community’s commitment but also strengthens our ability to respond,” said Paula Davies, president and search manager of KSAR. “The new facility will enable us to improve our training and preparedness, ultimately allowing us to respond more effectively. Together we are building a safer future for emergency response.”

Next steps involve working with project stakeholders on detailed design and construction timelines. More information will be provided as details are known.

For more information about the planned Regional Search and Rescue Hall and Training Facility, visit: tnrd.ca/sar-hall-aap.

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Dear Premier Eby, Minister Osborne, and Minister Krieger,

Re: Voluntary & Involuntary Complex Care

On behalf of the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA), representing 37 municipalities and regional districts across British Columbia's Southern Interior, I am writing to urge the Province to expand its Complex Care initiative and increase treatment capacity to address the growing mental health, addiction, homelessness, and public safety challenges facing communities throughout our region.

While SILGA supports the Province's investment in Complex Care, local governments continue to experience the impacts of untreated mental illness and severe substance use disorders. Communities require additional treatment options for individuals who are unable or unwilling to access care voluntarily and whose conditions place themselves and others at risk.

We respectfully ask the Province to:

- Expand Complex Care facilities and treatment spaces throughout British Columbia.
- Increase both voluntary and involuntary care and treatment capacity.
- Develop secure, health-led facilities focused on stabilization, treatment, recovery, and reintegration.
- Review underutilized provincial assets, including appropriate spaces within provincial correctional institutions, for potential conversion to therapeutic treatment centres.
- Work with local governments, Indigenous communities, healthcare providers, and public safety agencies to create a coordinated continuum of care.

SILGA recognizes that correctional facilities are not a substitute for healthcare. However, some provincial facilities may offer secure infrastructure that can be adapted to address the critical shortage of treatment and recovery spaces while ensuring care remains health-led and recovery-focused.

Our communities are seeking compassionate and practical solutions that support vulnerable individuals while improving community safety and reducing pressures on emergency services, healthcare systems, and local governments.

We urge the Province to act with urgency and would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss these recommendations further.

Respectfully,

Bill Sarai, President
Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA)

Actionable Motion and Task List Tracker 2026

JUNE

Date	Motion No.	Motion	Staff Responsible	Comments	Time line	Status
		2026 MOTIONS				
2026-05-25	Released from Closed	THAT Council authorize the sale of Lot "B", as created through the subdivision of 406 Brink Street, to the Randall Stangland (owner) of the adjacent Journal property for \$30,000; AND THAT staff be directed to complete the required statutory notice process under the Community Charter and include a condition in the purchase agreement requiring consolidation of Lot "B" with the adjacent Journal property following completion of the sale.	CAO	Letter advising purchase price and process was forwarded to Mr. Stangland - counter offer received for Council consideration.		Complete
2026-06-08	Released from Closed	THAT, Council accepts Mr. Stanglands counter-offer of \$27,500 and directs staff to move forward with the legislated requirements to sell the property.	CAO/CFO	Advise Mr. Stangland of Counter-offer acceptance and proceed with closing the sale.	Workgin with Lawyer on finalizing sale. Ads will be in the Journal June 25 and July 2	In - Progress
2026-06-08	R-2026-92	THAT, Council direct the Enhancing Parks, Recreation, Arts & Culture Working Group to explore opportunities to strengthen and renew the Ashcroft-Bifuka Sister City relationship, including options for a replacement Heritage Park mural, opportunities for cultural exchange and community engagement, and report back to Council with recommendations.	CAO/EDT	Invite Mrs. Kanamaru, Alice Durksen, Bob Nishiguchi, Jo Petty and Royden Josephson to participate on the restoration / replacement WG	Invitations sent - Waiting for responses prior to schedulign a parks Rec. & Cultrue WG Meeting	In - Progress
2026-06-08	R-2026-93	THAT, a letter be sent to the Legion inviting them to submit a tax exemption application.	CAO	Letter sent		Complete
2026-06-08	R-2026-94	THAT, Council direct staff to forward the information received from the Japanese Consulate to the Ashcroft Library.	CAO	forward information to Ashcroft TNRL		Complete
2026-06-22	R-2026-98	THAT, Council approve the Statement of Financial Information as presented.	CFO	Submit and file as legislated		Complete
2026-06-22	R-2026-99	THAT, Council approves the U-15 Cache Creek Chaos Girls Softball Team special consideration Grant in Aid request for funding to assist with travel costs to the 2026 BC Provincial Championships in Port Alberni in the amount of \$500.00.	CAO/AC	Requisition cheque and prepare letter. Mail when processed		Complete
2026-06-22	R-2026-100	THAT, Council directs staff to research what would be entailed in developing a Heritage Register for the Village of Ashcroft (using the Heritage registers of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District and the Village of Clinton as examples), and report back to council on the feasibility of such a register.	CAO	Research and Report back to Council		In - Progress
2026-07-10	S-2026-02	THAT, Council approve the purchase of one (1) Labrie Automizer garbage collection truck from Rollins Machinery Ltd. in the amount of \$453,965 plus applicable taxes; AND THAT, Administration be authorized to proceed with issuance of the purchase order.	DPW/CFO	Requisition Purchase order and Send to supplier		Complete
2026-07-10	S-2026-03	THAT, Council receive the 2025 Draft Annual Report for information and approve the report for public inspection in accordance with Section 98 of the Community Charter.	CAO	Make Report available for public input and review		Complete